

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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22. (New) A brush holder as claimed in claim 21 wherein said deformation preventer comprises polyphenylene sulfide.

23. (New) A brush holder as claimed in claim 21 wherein said deformation preventer traverses both horizontally and vertically across the top and bottom surfaces of said insert conductor.

24. (New) A method of producing a brush holder used in a vehicle charging system, the method comprising:

stamping a single sheet of metal to produce an insert conductor with a plurality of wires connected to an outer frame;

providing a deformation preventer across both top and bottom surfaces of said insert conductor, wherein at least a portion of the deformation preventer is disposed across at least some of the wires;

cutting said wires from the frame at a boundary of the deformation preventer, wherein during said cutting the deformation preventer prevents the cut wires from being deformed.

25. (New) A method as claimed in claim 24, further comprising:

coating said insert conductor and said deformation preventer, including end portions of the cut wires located at the boundary of the deformation preventer, with a protective coating.

26. (New) A method as claimed in claim 25 wherein the protective coating and the deformation preventer are both formed using insert resin molding.